

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/646,099

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/15/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-18 and 20-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 6/15/06
- ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
- ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in responsive to amendment filed on 15 June 2006.
2. Claims 4, and 19 have been cancelled.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 15 June 2006 was filed after the mailing date of the first office action on 16 February 2006. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Terminal Disclaimer

4. The terminal disclaimer filed on 15 June 2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent application s/n 10/646,078 and 10/646,079 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Reasons For Allowance

5. With respect to claims 1,17, and 18, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest "the method for selecting a first clock frequency for the first electronic device and a second clock frequency for second electronic device based at least on information about bandwidth characteristics of the first and second electronic devices, and generating a clock signal for the first and the second electronic devices in accordance with selected first and second clock frequency", "a computer-readable medium storing computer-executable instructions for selecting a first clock frequency for the first electronic device and a second clock frequency for second electronic device based at least on

information about bandwidth characteristics of the first and second electronic devices, and generating a clock signal for the first and the second electronic devices in accordance with selected first and second clock frequency”, and “a frequency manger including a frequency calculator selecting a first clock frequency for the first electronic device and a second clock frequency for second electronic device based at least on information about bandwidth characteristics of the first and second electronic devices, and a clock signal generator to generate the first clock signal at first clock frequency and the second clock signal at second clock frequency” respectively. Claims 2 – 3, 5 – 16, and 20 – 31 depend from claims 1, 17, and 18 respectively, and likewise are allowable.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nitin C. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-3675. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Lynne H. Browne can be reached on 571-272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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